

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1 (**currently amended**): A stackable and collapsible transport box, comprising:

- (a) a base plate;
  - (b) two first side walls which are mutually opposite and collapsible in a lower first plane connected to the base plate via hinge joints; and
  - (c) two second side walls which are mutually opposite and collapsible in a higher second plane connected to the base plate via hinge joints,
- wherein the base plate comprises a plurality of supporting pillars, wherein the supporting pillar are arranged as tubular tube elements beneath the base plate and arranged as angular angle elements above the base plate, and wherein the angular angle elements are provided with step-like arrangements to such that the angle elements can receive tubular tube elements of a second transport box in the collapsed state.

Claim 2 (**currently amended**): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein the ~~angular~~ angle elements each comprise a short section and a long section.

Claim 3 (**currently amended**): The transport box according to claim 2, wherein the two second side walls each comprise a rectangular cut-out in two corner regions which receive the long section of the ~~angular~~ angle elements.

Claim 4 (**currently amended**): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein each of the two second side walls is provided with at least two inwardly bent edges having an ~~and~~ upwardly tapered bevel ~~tapering~~ edges whereby the side walls may be placed above one another.

Claim 5 (**canceled**).

Claim 6 (**currently amended**): The transport box according to ~~claim 5~~ claim 4, wherein the bevel is reinforced with ~~several~~ a plurality of superimposed transversal ribs.

Claim 7 (**original**): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein each of the first and second side walls comprises longitudinal and transverse ribs in the corner regions.

Claim 8 (**original**): The transport box according to claim 7, wherein the transverse and longitudinal ribs are welded to a stiffening flat cover.

Claim 9 (**currently amended**): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein the transport box further comprises a plurality of runners provided with projecting cams which are fastened to the ~~tubular~~ tube elements of the supporting pillars.

Claim 10 (**currently amended**): The transport box according to claim 9, wherein the runners comprise runner elements which form a quadrangle that corresponds to the transport box when the runner elements are inserted in the ~~tubular~~ tube elements.

Claim 11 (**original**): The transport box according to claim 9, wherein each of the runner elements and the cams is provided with a hollow arrangement and each of the cams comprises reinforcing elements.

Claim 12 (**original**): The transport box according to claim 10, wherein each of the runner elements is provided with a flat groove and may be assembled into a quadrangle via connecting elements.

Claim 13 (**currently amended**): The transport box according to claim 1, wherein the transport box may be manufactured by an injection-molding process using ~~high-quality and impact-proof~~ plastic.

Claim 14 (**original**): The transport box according to claim 13, wherein the plastic is selected from the group consisting of: polyethylene (PE) and polypropylene (PP).